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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered various paragraphs of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV and Corr.1)) at its ___ meeting, on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 102 (h) was amended to read:

"Develop, review and implement laws and procedures to prohibit and eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls";

(b) Paragraph 102 (i) was amended to read:

"Take measures, including programmes and policies, to ensure that maternity, motherhood, parenting and the role of women in procreation are not used as a basis for discrimination nor restrict the full participation of women in society";

(c) Paragraph 102 (j) was deleted;

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(d) Paragraph 103 (b) was amended to read:

"Treat all forms of violence against women and girls of all ages as a criminal offence punishable by law, including violence based on all forms of discrimination";

(e) Paragraph 105 (a) was merged with paragraph 137 (c) to become paragraph 104 (e) and amended to read:

"Provide protection and support to women and their respective families and develop and strengthen policies to support family security";

(f) Paragraph 107 (a) was amended to read:

"Adopt policies and implement measures to address, on a prioritized basis, the gender aspects of emerging and continued health challenges, such as malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other diseases having a disproportionate impact on women's health, including those resulting in the highest mortality and morbidity rates";

(g) Paragraph 107 (a) *bis* was amended to read:

"Ensure that the reduction of maternal morbidity and mortality is a health sector priority and that women have ready access to essential obstetric care, well-equipped and adequately staffed maternal health-care services, skilled attendance at delivery, emergency obstetric care, effective referral and transport to higher levels of care when necessary, post-partum care and family planning in order to, *inter alia*, promote safe motherhood, and give priority attention to measures to prevent, detect and treat breast, cervical and ovarian cancer and osteoporosis, and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS";

(h) Paragraph 107 (a) *ter* was amended to read:

"Take measures to meet the unmet needs in good quality family planning services and in contraception, namely regarding the existing gap in services, supplies and use";

(i) Paragraph 107 (b) was amended to read:

"Collect and disseminate updated and reliable data on women's health, including mortality and morbidity of women, and conduct further research regarding how social and economic factors affect the health of girls and women of all ages, as well as research about the provision of health-care services to girls and women and the patterns of their use of such services and the value of disease prevention and health promotion programmes for women";

(j) Paragraph 107 (c) was merged with paragraph 125 (i);

(k) Paragraph 107 (d) was amended to read:

"Ensure universal and equal access for women and men throughout the life-cycle, to social services related to health care, including education, clean water and safe sanitation, nutrition, food security and health education programmes";

(l) Paragraph 107 (d) *bis* was amended to read:

"Ensure the provision of safe working conditions for health-care workers";

(m) Paragraph 107 (e) was merged with paragraph 115 (a) *ter*;

(n) Paragraph 107 (f) was replaced by paragraph 107 (a) *ter*;

(o) Paragraph 107 (g) was amended to read:

"Adopt, enact, review and revise, where necessary or appropriate, and implement health legislation, policies and programmes, in consultation with women's organizations and other actors of civil society, and allocate the necessary budgetary resources to ensure the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, so that all women have full and equal access to comprehensive, high-quality and affordable health care, information, education and services throughout their life cycle, to reflect the new demands for service and care by women and girls as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and new knowledge about women's needs for specific mental and occupational health programmes and for the ageing process, and to protect and promote human rights by ensuring that all health services and workers conform to ethical, professional and gender-sensitive standards in the delivery of women's health services, including by establishing or strengthening, as appropriate, regulatory and enforcement mechanisms";

(p) Paragraph 107 (g) *bis* was amended to read:

"Eliminate discrimination against all women and girls in access to health information and education, health care and health services";

(q) Paragraph 107 (g) *quater* was amended to read:

"Design and implement programmes to encourage and enable men to adopt safe and responsible sexual and reproductive behaviour, and to effectively use methods to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS";

(r) Paragraph 107 (g) *quinter* was amended to read:

"Take all appropriate measures to eliminate harmful, medically unnecessary or coercive medical interventions, as well as inappropriate medication and overmedication of women, and ensure that all women are properly informed of their options, including likely benefits and potential side effects, by properly trained personnel";

(s) Paragraph 107 (h) was amended to read:

"Adopt measures to ensure non-discrimination against and respect for the privacy of those living with HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, including women and young people, so that they are not denied the information needed to prevent further transmission of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections and are able to access treatment and care services without fear of stigmatization, discrimination or violence";

(t) Paragraph 107 (j) was amended to read:

"Promote and improve comprehensive gender-specific tobacco prevention and control strategies for all women, particularly adolescent girls

and pregnant women, which would include, *inter alia*, education, prevention and cessation programmes and services, and the reduction of people's exposure to environmental tobacco smoke and support the development of the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control";

(u) Paragraph 107 (j) *bis* was amended to read:

"Promote or improve information programmes and measures concerning treatment for the elimination of the increasing substance abuse among women and adolescent girls, including information campaigns about the risks to health and other consequences and its impact on families";

(v) Paragraph 108 (a) was deleted.